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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, EEC

SUBJECT: REVERSE PREFERENCES

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3570 AND 3571

1. DUTCH MINECON DIR. DE GROOTH, WHO ATTENDED EC COUNCIL SESSIONS

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ON YAOUNDE AND MEDITERRANEAN POLICY, SAID IT WAS HIS FIRM IMPRESSION THAT QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY IN AGREEMENTS WITH MAGHREB COUNTRIES WAS DELIBERATELY LEFT OPEN. RATIONALE WAS THAT REVERSE PREFERNCES ISSUE WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED FIRST WITH YAOUNDE COUNTRIES ANYWAY AND THAT FORMULA ACHIEVED THERE COULD BE OFFERED TO MAGHREB.

2. DE GROOTH SAID REVERSE PREFERENCE ISSUE WILL NOW BE REFERRED TO PERMREPS WHO WILL ATTEMPT TO PRODUCE COMPROMISE FORMULA. DUTCH WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST SUCH PREFERENCES ON MORAL GROUNDS ( AS HARMFUL TO LDC GROWTH) AND BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES THEY POSE FOR USG, BUT DE GROOTH DID NOT RULE OUT DUTCH ACCEPTANCE OF COM-PROMISE WHICH REDUCES REVERSE PREFERENCE ISSUE TO " MINOR PROBLEM."

3. DE GROOTH NOTED WRYLY THAT FRENCH AND COMMISSION HAVE NOW EXECUTED COMPLETE VOLTE- FACE. NOT LONG AGO THEY WERE SAYING THAT QUESTION OF COMPLIANCE OF FTA AGREEMENTS WITH ART. 24 WAS FOR EC COUNCIL TO DECIDE. NOW THEY PIN CASE FOR REVERSE PREFERENCES ENTIRELY ON LATTER OF GATT. HE EXPRESSED DUTCH VIEW THAT EX- BRITISH ASSOCIABLES ARE DEAD SET AGAINST REVERSE PREFERENCES AND THAT IN ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN RETAINING PREFERENCES AND LURING NEW ASSOCIATES INTO FOLD LATTER WOULD WIN.  
TANGUY

NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED ALGIERS.

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